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SBA Announces Appointment of Diane Sturgeon as Lender Relations Specialist

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the appointment of Diane Sturgeon as a Lender Relations Specialist in the Augusta, Maine District Office. Sturgeon will be responsible for lender training, outreach and assisting in SBA's business development initiatives throughout Maine.

"Both the SBA and the small businesses of Maine will benefit greatly from Diane's extensive commercial lending experience," said Maurice Dubé, SBA Maine District Director, in welcoming Sturgeon. "This is an exciting time at the SBA, and we are very pleased to have Diane join the SBA team," added Dubé.

"I am honored to be selected for this position and look forward to working with our lenders and small businesses helping to create jobs throughout the State of Maine," said Sturgeon.

Sturgeon, of Searsmont, began working for Camden National Bank in 2006 where she most recently served as their Program Guaranty Manager. Prior to that, she served as a Strategies Analyst for Bank of America and has been an active volunteer with the Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League for several years. She graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Secondary Education and successfully completed the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders Fundamental Lender Diploma Program in 2010.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953, and assists our nation's small businesses in creating jobs, preserving free competitive enterprise, and strengthening the overall economy of our nation. With an ongoing commitment to provide access to capital, government contracting opportunities and technical assistance to our small businesses, the SBA currently has a small business loan portfolio of \$107 billion working to facilitate the success of our nation's entrepreneurs.

NOTE: Photos of swearing in ceremony attached. Diane Sturgeon (Left) and Maurice Dubé (Right)

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